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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA, SOUTHERN DIVISION**

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11 ALEX MARTINEZ,
12 Plaintiff,
13 vs.
14 CLARK COUNTY,
15 Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:14-cv-2135-RFB-NJK

**CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT
AND PROTECTIVE ORDER**

16 Plaintiff Alex Martinez, by and through his counsel of record, M. Lani Esteban-Trinidad,
17 Esq., and Defendant Clark County, Nevada, by and through its attorneys, Robert W. Freeman,
18 Esq., and Cayla Witty, Esq., hereby agree and stipulate as follows:

19 1. The parties enter into this Stipulation and Protective Order under Federal Rule of
20 Civil Procedure 26(c) to establish procedures for the handling of documents produced by the
21 parties in response to discovery requests.

22 2. Any party may designate and mark certain documents produced in response to
23 discovery requests as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER." The party
24 designating such documents shall be referred to as the Designating Party and any party in receipt
25 of such documents shall be referred to as the Receiving Party. Documents so marked may be used
26 only for purposes of this litigation.

27 3. Except as otherwise ordered by this Court, documents marked "CONFIDENTIAL"
28 or "SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER" and the contents of documents so marked may be

1 disclosed only to employees or agents of Clark County, Nevada, and the following persons:

- 2 (a) counsel of record for Plaintiff;
- 3 (b) counsel of record for Defendants;
- 4 (c) the non-technical and clerical staff employed by counsel of record;
- 5 (d) interpreters and copying services employed by counsel of record's employer
- 6 to the extent reasonably necessary to render professional services in this case;
- 7 (e) any private court reporter retained by counsel for depositions in this case;
- 8 (f) subject to the terms of paragraph 5, persons retained by counsel to serve as
- 9 expert witnesses or consultants in this case; and
- 10 (g) personnel of the Court, including court reporters, officials and employees of
- 11 the Clerk of Court, and staff of the presiding United States District Judge and United States
- 12 Magistrate Judge, to the extent deemed necessary by the Court.

13 4. If counsel for a Receiving Party determines that it is necessary to disclose any
14 document marked "CONFIDENTIAL" or "SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER" to any
15 persons other than the individuals included in paragraph 3, that counsel shall set forth the grounds
16 for the disclosure and seek the written consent of counsel for the Designating Party. The
17 Designating Party shall respond to the Receiving Party's request within seven calendar days unless
18 the Receiving Party agrees to a longer period. If counsel for the Designating Party does not
19 consent, counsel for the Receiving Party and counsel for the Designating Party shall within five
20 court days of the Designating Party's response meet and confer in person or telephonically
21 regarding the issue, during which meeting and conference counsel for the Receiving Party shall
22 specify the reasons why disclosure is necessary. If any agreement is not reached, the Designating
23 Party shall move the Court within the ten calendar days of the meeting and conference for a
24 protective order preventing disclosure. The Receiving Party shall not disclose the document unless
25 the Designating Party has failed to file a motion within the time allowed or the Court has denied
26 the motion.

27 5. If counsel for the Receiving Party determines that it is necessary to disclose any
28 document marked "CONFIDENTIAL" or "SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER" to an expert

1 or consultants retained to render professional services in this case, that counsel shall notify counsel
 2 for the Designating Party in writing at least seven days before the proposed disclosure with the
 3 name of the expert or consultant. The Designating Party shall respond to the Receiving Party's
 4 notification within seven calendar days unless the Receiving Party agrees to a longer period. If
 5 counsel for the Designating Party objects, counsel for the Receiving Party and counsel for the
 6 Designating Party shall within five court days of the Designating Party's response meet and confer
 7 in person or telephonically regarding the issue. If an agreement is not reached, the Designating
 8 Party shall move the court within ten calendar days of the meeting and conference for a protective
 9 order preventing disclosure. The Receiving Party shall not disclose the document unless the
 10 Designating Party has failed to file a motion within the time allowed or the Court denies the
 11 motion.

12 6. Any party may object to the propriety of the designation of documents as
 13 "CONFIDENTIAL" or "SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER" by objecting and setting forth in
 14 writing the grounds for the objection. The Designating Party shall respond to the Receiving
 15 Party's objection within seven calendar days unless the Receiving Party agrees to a longer period.
 16 If an agreement is not reached, counsel for the Receiving Party and counsel for the Designating
 17 Party shall within five court days of the Designating Party's response meet and confer in person or
 18 telephonically, during which meeting and conference counsel for the Receiving Party shall specify
 19 the grounds for objection with respect to each document at issue. If the parties cannot agree, then
 20 the Designating Party will then have ten calendar days after the conference of counsel to file a
 21 motion to preserve the confidentiality designation. The burden of proof to demonstrate
 22 confidential treatment of any information at all times remain with the Designating Party. The
 23 parties shall treat the documents as the subject to this Stipulation and Order unless the Designating
 24 Party has failed to file a motion within the time allowed or the Court has denied the motion.

25 7. Before disclosing any document marked "CONFIDENTIAL" or "SUBJECT TO
 26 PROTECTIVE ORDER" to any person identified in subparagraph (c) of paragraph 3, counsel of
 27 record for the Receiving Party shall advise that person of the terms of this Stipulation and
 28 Protective Order and that he or she is bound by those terms. In addition, before disclosing any

1 document marked “CONFIDENTIAL” or “SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER” to any person
2 identified in subparagraphs (d), (e), or (f) of paragraph 3, counsel for the Receiving Party shall
3 ensure that the person (1) has read and agrees to the terms of this Protective Order and (2) has
4 acknowledged his or her agreement by signing a copy of the attached Acknowledgment before any
5 such document is disclosed to him or her:

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7 ACKNOWLEDGMENT

8 I have read the Stipulation and Protective Order Governing Documents Produced by the
9 Parties in this case. I understand its terms and agree to be bound by the terms of the Protective
10 Order. I understand that my duties under the Protective Order will survive the termination of this
11 case and that failure to comply with its terms may result in the District Court imposing sanctions
12 on me. I consent to personal jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of
13 Nevada for the purpose of enforcing the Protective Order.

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15 8. Counsel for each party shall retain copies of the Acknowledgment forms executed
16 by persons authorized for access on behalf of that party until this litigation, including all appeals,
17 concludes. Nothing in this Protective Order restricts the Designation Party’s own disclosure of
18 documents marked “CONFIDENTIAL” or “SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER.”

19 9. Any person receiving access to a document marked “CONFIDENTIAL” or
20 “SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER” shall maintain the document, any copies of the
21 document, and any information derived from the document in a confidential manner and shall take
22 steps to avoid disclosure to persons not authorized under this Order to have access to the
23 documents or information.

24 10. Within thirty days of the conclusion of this litigation, including all appeals, counsel
25 for the Receiving Party shall destroy or send to counsel for the Designating Party all copies of
26 documents marked “CONFIDENTIAL” or “SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER.”

27 Notwithstanding this paragraph, however, the parties’ attorneys may retain one copy of
28 each document filed with the Court that contains or refers to any of the designated documents.

1 Furthermore, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to require the parties' attorneys to
2 disclose any attorney work-product to opposing counsel.

3 11. In connection with a deposition in this case, a witness or any counsel may indicate
4 that a question or answer refers to the content of a document marked "CONFIDENTIAL" or
5 "SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER." If the indication occurs on the record during the
6 deposition, all persons not authorized to review such documents shall leave the deposition room
7 until completion of the answers referring to the document and the reporter shall mark the transcript
8 of the designated testimony "CONFIDENTIAL" or "SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER."

9 12. If any party wishes to submit into the written record of this case any document
10 marked "CONFIDENTIAL" or "SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER" or excerpts from any
11 such document, that party shall seek to submit the document under seal.

12 13. Nothing in this Stipulation and Protective Order prevents any party from
13 challenging any assertion of privilege by any party, and nothing in this Stipulation and Protective
14 Order constitutes a waiver of any assertion of privilege by any party or precludes any party from
15 moving for consideration of information ex parte and in camera.

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1 14. Anyone found to be in violation of this Order may have sanctions imposed against
2 him or her as the Court may determine and allowable under law and may also be subject to
3 contempt of court proceedings.

4 DATED this 16th day of April, 2015.

5 LEWIS, BRISBOIS, BISGAARD & SMITH

6 /s/ Cayla Witty

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13 DATED this 16th day of April, 2015.

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22 **ORDER**

23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

24 DATED this 17th day of April, 2015.

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U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE